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Mr. Lyle Cook
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Dear Lyle:

I hope not too prematurely I am enclosing some applications for faculty benefits: Faculty Life Insurance, and Blue Cross in particular.

If it can be arranged, I would like to defer signing up with the Palo Alto medical service at least until our return from Italy about ~~XXXX~~ July 1. I am a little confused about eligibility for enrolment after initial employment--one place seems to say this is limited to the first four months of employment, another that there are two sign-up times per year. This can presumably wait until our arrival.

I do not know which of these benefits Esther will qualify for (in the position of Research Associate)-- Insurance application is enclosed anyhow. Will you investigate possible alternatives and we can finalize later.

I did want to ensure continuity of my Blue Cross coverage. If I ~~xxx~~ require any other action to have this smoothly through the termination of my Wisconsin employment Jan. 31, and starting at Stanford Febr. 1, please advise. This is possibly the only thing I would ask you to write me back about just now.

We are planning to arrive by air either late Tuesday night the 20th or ~~xxxxxx~~ early Wednesday morning the 21st. As we will be carless for a couple of days, is there any chance of borrowing a staff car through the week? This might be a special convenience for ~~xxx~~ the benefit of my fellow committeemen on the NIH study section whose meeting happens to be at Palo Alto Jan 22-25 and which is my ostensible business at Stanford at this ~~xxx~~ time. In fact I am going to be too busy through that weekend to attend to much else.

You should be hearing soon from Bristol Labs. and from Abbott Labs. concerning some free gifts they would like to make for the benefit of the Genetics Department. If, as in our preliminary discussions, these are absolutely stribgless, I advise that you accept them/

Looking forward,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg